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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

December 20, 2001

Sir:

The following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the original specification with the attached Substitute Specification.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1-9 as follows:

- Sub B1
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1. (amended) A disc driving apparatus, comprising:
a housing of a disc drive;
a rotation mechanism [being received] disposed within said housing [and] for rotating a disc;
an optical pickup mechanism [being received] disposed within said housing [and] for reproducing or